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FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, March 2013

Quick analysis: FDCPA appears to be bucking 2012's downward trend, posting modest gains again on a month-to-month basis as well as year over year. FCRA is also up over 2012, but it's growth rate is down considerably. Meanwhile, TCPA has charged out of the gate, overwhelming last year's explosive growth by nearly doubling its numbers over this time last year. While it is still too early to make this prediction, if the trends continue this might just be the year TCPA overtakes FCRA as the second most sued-under consumer statute.

Full Statistics:

Comparisons:	Current Period	Previous Period		Previous Year Comp	
	<i>Mar 1 - 31, 2013</i>	<i>Feb 1 - 28, 2013</i>		<i>Mar 1 - 31, 2012</i>	
FDCPA lawsuits	987	923	6.9%	997	-1%
FCRA lawsuits	168	148	13.5%	197	-15%
TCPA lawsuits	141	158	-10.8%	110	28%
YTD FDCPA lawsuits	2864			2683	7%
YTD FCRA lawsuits	624			595	5%
YTD TCPA lawsuits	478			262	82%

There were about 1139 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in March 2013. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 987 FDCPA
- 168 FCRA
- 141 TCPA

Summary:

- Of those cases, there were about 1177 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 435, or 37%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 2103 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 160 different US District Court branches.
- About 944 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

The top courts where lawsuits were filed:

- 66 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 49 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 48 Lawsuits: California Southern District Court - San Diego
- 47 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 46 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 41 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit
- 40 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 31 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Los Angeles
- 31 Lawsuits: New Jersey District Court - Newark
- 26 Lawsuits: Wisconsin Eastern District Court - Milwaukee

The most active consumer attorneys were:

- Representing 32 Consumers: Craig Thor Kimmel
- Representing 28 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 27 Consumers: David J Philipps
- Representing 27 Consumers: Mary Elizabeth Philipps
- Representing 26 Consumers: David Michael Larson
- Representing 24 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 22 Consumers: Angie K Robertson
- Representing 21 Consumers: Jody Berke Burton
- Representing 20 Consumers: Amy Lynn Bennecoff
- Representing 18 Consumers: John D Blythin

Statistics Year to Date:

3262 total lawsuits for , including:

- 2864 FDCPA
- 624 FCRA
- 478 TCPA

Number of Unique Plaintiffs: 3836 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

The most active consumer attorneys of the year:

Representing 94 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
Representing 80 Consumers: Craig Thor Kimmel
Representing 73 Consumers: David Michael Larson
Representing 67 Consumers: Daniel A Edelman
Representing 63 Consumers: David J Philipps
Representing 55 Consumers: Cathleen M Combs
Representing 55 Consumers: James O Lattuner
Representing 55 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
Representing 47 Consumers: Angie K Robertson
Representing 47 Consumers: Mary Elizabeth Philipps

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